NEWSLETTER # 8

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BATTLE PLAN: We are right on schedule. The plan was to have our organization functional by the first of February and acquire the best facilities possible by the end of April-first of May. Between February and May work to become a legal non-profit corporation, build our membership and newsletter, and locate facilities.

The name of our organization is 'GENESIS'. The name of our newsletter is 'the TV TAPESTRY'.

GENESIS supports Tri Sigma, the Kay Mayflower Society, and any other organization with compatable objectives, and with acceptable membership screening proceedures (security being paramount).

GENESIS also supports the Outreach Institute, and any other organization that caters to the professional and educational needs of TV-TG-TS persons.

The TV Tapestry will be published monthly, with the first issue scheduled for the first of March, 1979. The Tapestry will be published by Genesis, and report the activities of the above named organizations, and events, articles, notices, classified ads, and other items of interest to our members.

OBJECTIVES, CODE OF CONDUCT, MEMBERSHIP & APPLICATION

(Special note: The objectives, code of conduct and membership were designed for an organization with existing facilities. As we do not yet have those facilities please disregard any reference to them.)

OBJECTIVES: The objectives of GENESIS shall be: 1.) To provide a social and service organization for male crossdressers, transsexual persons, their families and friends.

2.) To provide adequate facilities for crossdressing, social and educational functions, and for storage of personal property.

3.) To maintain an atmoshpere of friendship, mutual respect, and support free of guilt and fear.

4.) To provide for its members and guests social activities, special programs of interest to crossdressers, and access to commercial and professional services.

5.) To contact other persons interested in crossdressing, inform them of our existence and activities, and to invite their attendance and participation with the assurance of their willingness to abide by Genesis' rules and standards of conduct, and agreement with and support of its objectives.

CODE OF CONDUCT: 1.) All guest and members shall protect the security of Genesis. The identification of guests and members is to be kept privileged and confidential. No addresses or phone numbers shall be exchanged or photos taken without consent.

2.) No guest shal be brought to a Genesis function or meeting without prior notification.

Members bringing guests are responsible for obtaining appropriate advance approval, for the conduct of the guest, and for the reliability of the guest to maintain the security and confidentiality of others.

3.) No person shall come to or remain at a Genesis meeting or function if they are intoxicated to the extent they cannot exercise good judgment or behavior.

4.) All guests and members shall respect the property of Genesis and its members. No wigs or clothing shall be worn without the express permission of the owner.

5.) All attire at a Genesis function or meeting, whether masuline or feminine, shall be in good taste compatable with the objectives of Genesis.

6.) Dressing room- Clothing must not be left lying around. Clothing racks and hangers are available, please use them or place unworn clothing in your suitcase or travelling bag.

7.) Library - The library is for the information and entertainment of all guests and members. No library item is to be removed from the premises.

8.) All guests and members shall take notice of and abide by the house rules establishe by the social-house committee and posted on the bulletin board.

9.) While at Genesis you are a lady. Behave like one.

MEMBERSHIP:

(Special note: Although the entire membership policy is being presented, only special membership is in effect until facilities are available. Also, Genesis supports Tri Sigma and the Kay Mayflower Society, and offers a $20.00 reduction to persons presently members of these organizations. If you are not now a member of either of these organizations, but plan to join in the near future, your fee is $30.00, $20.00 of which will be refunded you when your membership becomes confirmed.)

1.) Be at least 18 years of age.

2.) Membership is a contract between an individual and Genesis for a period of one year. During this period a member agrees to pay all dues in the manner agreed upon between the individual and the Finance Committee. Also, during this period a member agrees to comply with Genesis' standards of conduct and any rules established and posted by the Social-House Committee. A failure to live up to one's agreement may result in the revocation of membership.

3.) A candidate for membership must first be familiar with Genesis' objectives, code of conduct, policies, and operating proceedure. A candidate's application for membership will come before the Screening Committee and accepted or refused on the bases of the applicant's willingness or unwillingness to comply with the code of conduct and if the applicants private objectives are clearly incompatable with those of Genesis.

4.) The membership shall consist of four types, Special, General, Keyholder, and Life.

A <u>special</u> member's fees are $30.00 per year, and $4.00 per visit. A special member's privileges include the use of Genesis' facilities during regularly scheduled meetings, and special events ($4.00 per visit), free mail forwarding service, and to receive all publications.

A special member may participate as a member of the Programs committee, but may not be involved in voting concerned with membership screening and recommendations, and in voting concerned with constitutional changes.

A <u>general</u> member's annual fee is $150.00. His privileges are the use of the facilities during regularly scheduled weekly meetings, storage space if desired, the free use of the mailing address, to receive all

publications, and the right to vote on all issues concering constitutional changes and membership.

After an adjustment period of three months a member may apply for keyholder status.

A keyholder member's annual fee is $250.00. A keyholder's privileges are the same as the general member plus the use of the facilities at any time.

A keyholder is eligible for life member status.

A life member's one time only fee is $600.00. A life member's privileges are the same as for a keyholder.

5.) Should any general or keyholder member choose to change membership status, she may do so without penalty, and without re-embursement. However, the twelve month commitment remains.

If for any reason a general or keyholder mamber finds it necessary to temporarily suspend her membership, she may do so without penalty with a letter of intent to the Board of Directors, and by making suitable financial arrangement with the finance committee.

6.) A member of Tri Sigma or the Kay Mayflower Society or any other organization with compatible objectives and a membership screening policy acceptable to our Screening committee, may become a special member for a period of twelve months for a fee of $10.00 payable to Treasurer - Genesis. To be a general member or keyholder member the annual fees are then $130.00 and $230.00 respectively. Life membership fee remains unchanged.

7.) The general and keyholder membership has the power, by way of referendum to approve or disapprove any proposal put before the Board of Directors. Any policy or proposal may be put to a referendum at the request of a general or keyholder member. All changes involving constitutional changes, must be voted upon by the general and keyholder membership at large.

8.) Any motion involving membership revocation or involuntary removal from office must be voted upon by the general and keyholder membership.

9.) Genetic females are subject to and entitled to the same membership requirements and privileges mentioned above. However, genetic females may, by their own preference, waive payment of dues.